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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

FEE CALCULATION: No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

For the above-identified patent application submitted herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH(S), SECTION(S) AND CLAIM(S):**

**In the Claims:**

1. A management apparatus for allowing a parent to limit the amount of time a specific user is allowed access to an electronic device, said apparatus comprising:
  - an enclosure having a front side, a first end, and a second end, said enclosure having an interior space;
  - a controller for processing a plurality of electronic operations being positioned in said interior space of said enclosure;

an alphanumeric display for displaying information to the user  
and the parent being attached to said front side of said  
enclosure;  
a keypad for inputting numerical data being attached to said  
front side of said enclosure;  
a modem for transmitting and receiving verbal commands from  
the parent via a telephone being positioned in said  
interior space of said enclosure;  
a phone jack for allowing the parent to selectively couple a  
phone line to said enclosure being attached to said  
second side of said enclosure;  
a power cord being attached to said second side of said  
enclosure;  
a plurality of receptacles for allowing the parent to selectively  
couple at least one electrical cord from the electronic  
devices to said enclosure;  
a cover member for covering said first end of said enclosure  
including an end wall and a peripheral wall attached to  
and extending away from said end wall, said cover  
member being releasably attachable to said first end; and  
a plurality of fasteners for securing said cover member to said  
enclosure.

13. The management apparatus as set forth in claim 12,  
further comprising each of said slots extending from an inner edge  
of said front portion of said peripheral wall towards said end wall  
such that the electrical cord from one of the electronic devices may  
pass through one of said slots when said cover member is attached  
to said enclosure.

### REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the above preliminary amendments is respectfully requested.

The above amendments clarify a couple of typographical errors in the numbering of the claims in the patent application submitted herewith.

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:**

**In the Claims** (bracketed parts deleted and underline parts added):

[x.] 1. (Amended) A management apparatus for allowing a parent to limit the amount of time a specific user is allowed access to an electronic device, said apparatus comprising:

- an enclosure having a front side, a first end, and a second end,  
said enclosure having an interior space;
- a controller for processing a plurality of electronic operations  
being positioned in said interior space of said enclosure;
- an alphanumeric display for displaying information to the user  
and the parent being attached to said front side of said enclosure;
- a keypad for inputting numerical data being attached to said front side of said enclosure;
- a modem for transmitting and receiving verbal commands from the parent via a telephone being positioned in said interior space of said enclosure;
- a phone jack for allowing the parent to selectively couple a phone line to said enclosure being attached to said second side of said enclosure;
- a power cord being attached to said second side of said enclosure;
- a plurality of receptacles for allowing the parent to selectively couple at least one electrical cord from the electronic devices to said enclosure;
- a cover member for covering said first end of said enclosure including an end wall and a peripheral wall attached to and extending away from said end wall, said cover member being releasably attachable to said first end; and


a plurality of fasteners for securing said cover member to said enclosure.

13. (Amended) The management apparatus as set forth in claim [14] 12, further comprising each of said slots extending from an inner edge of said front portion of said peripheral wall towards said end wall such that the electrical cord from one of the electronic devices may pass through one of said slots when said cover member is attached to said enclosure.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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